WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A parking brake for a vehicle, comprising:

a supporting member adapted to be fixed to a frame of a vehicle and provided with a ratchet portion;

a parking brake level mounted on said supporting member and oscillatable between a braked position and a released position;

a braking pawl oscillatably mounted on said parking brake lever and engaging with said ratchet portion to prevent said parking brake lever from oscillating when said parking brake lever is in its braked position;

a toothed member having a first toothed segment and a second toothed segment and oscillatably mounted on said parking brake lever;

a tension-adjusting pawl adapted to engage with said first toothed segment and oscillatably mounted on said parking brake lever;

a position-locking pawl adapted to engage with said second toothed segment and having a guided member, said position-locking pawl being oscillatably mounted on said supporting member;

a spool having a cable fixing portion where a parking brake cable is fixed and fixed to said toothed member; and

a guiding means having a first guiding segment and a second guiding segment along which said guided member of said position-locking pawl is guided;

wherein said guided member is guided along said first guiding segment while said parking brake lever oscillates over a predetermined degree from the released position; and wherein said position-locking pawl engages with said second toothed segment to prevent said toothed member and said spool from rotating while said guided member is guided along said first guiding segment during oscillation of said parking brake lever to the released position from the braked position;

wherein said guided member comprises a pin mounted on said position-locking pawl.

2. The parking brake of claim 1, further comprising a first biasing means for biasing said tension-adjusting pawl toward said first toothed segment and a second

biasing means for biasing said position-locking pawl toward said second toothed segment.

3. The parking brake of claim 1 or 2, wherein said guiding means is guiding surface formed in said parking brake lever.

4. The parking brake of claim 1 or 2, wherein said first toothed segment is formed so that said tension-adjusting pawl moves along the segment while said position-locking pawl engages with said second toothed segment during oscillation of said parking brake lever to the released position from the braked position.